(c) if so, whether Government propose to increase this special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-plan areas at least to the level of assistance given in the year 1985-86?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The Tribal sub-Plan strategy is meant to cover the tribals within the area-specific projects like ITDP, MADA Pockets, Primitive Tribes, etc., and also the tribals living outside such areas/projects. Accordingly during the year 1986-87, allocations for the tribals outside the project areas have been shown separately. The total allocation for the Tribal sub-Plan, including the project areas and the areas outside has thus not been reduced.

Clearance to irrigation projects of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh

1763. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of proposals of major and minor irrigation projects in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh are awaiting the clearance of his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the details of each of the projects; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in giving sanctions to these irrigation projects and by when these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Two major irrigation projects of Madhya Pradesh are under techno-economic appraisal of C.W.C. at present. Observations of C.W.C. on 15 major projects of U.P. and 11 major projects of Madhya Pradesh received earlier have been forwarded to the State Governments for necessary compliance. The question of recommending these projects to the Planning Commission for clearance would arise after the comments of C.W.C. are complied with.

Minor irrigation projects are not sent to the Centre for clearance.

Setting up of a Central Agricultural University in N.E. Region

1764. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have taken any decision to set up a Central Agricultural University in the North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, whether the site of the same has been decided upon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Not yet.

Audit of accounts of the cooperative societies in Delhi

1765. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cooperative societies in Delhi whose accounts have not been audited for the last three years;

(b) the societies who have not held their elections during the above period; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against such societies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Accounts of 1152 Cooperative Societies in Delhi have not been audited for the last three years.